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Mr. Barry Allen
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Dear Mr. Allen:

In December, 1984, I received a letter from Mr. Thomas W. Devine of EPA requesting that I provide certain information about the Ralph Medley site in Cherokee County, S. C. I was happy to cooperate, and I did furnish this information to my attorney, W. S. Weatherford, III, to be forwarded to you. However, because of continual media reports of an EPA criminal investigation, usually with some linkage to my name, my attorney recommended that no response be made for the time being. I share his concern.

I do not believe I have violated any law, federal or state. Yet my name has continually been bandied about in such a way that my character has been assassinated, and my reputation, personal and business, seriously injured. Needless to say, I am deeply distressed. Most citizens have been led to believe that EPA is doing a criminal investigation.

I, therefore, request that you advise me in writing whether I have been in the past or am now under any investigation by EPA for any alleged violation of federal criminal laws. I feel that I am, as an American citizen, entitled to have you answer this question in a clear and straight-forward manner.

I and my family are very distraught about this. Whenever it is cleared up fully, I will be most happy to assist EPA in any way that I can. I sincerely request an early response to my request.

Sincerely yours,

Clyde L. Medley
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